

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Group Art Unit 3682

In re

Patent Application of

Charles W. Shattuck, et al.

Application No. 09/966,230

Confirmation No.: 5871

Filed: September 28, 2001

Examiner: Colby M. Hansen

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# PETITION TO AVOID/WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

On even date, the undersigned received a telephone call from Examiner Hansen regarding the above-identified application. Examiner Hansen indicated that the patent office records indicate that a response was never filed in reply to the March 25, 2003 Office Action. Upon reviewing the file, the undersigned informed Examiner Hansen that a Response was facsimile transmitted to the U.S.P.T.O. on April 24, 2003. A copy of the Response along with a transmission report showing proper transmission of the one page on April 24, 2003 is attached.

To the applicants' knowledge, a Notice of Abandonment has not yet been issued. Applicants respectfully request that the attached Response be entered as a proper, timely response to the March 25, 2003 Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to the undersigned's deposit account no. 09-0260. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.



If there are any questions or if any additional information is required, it is respectfully requested that the Office get in contact with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the March 25, 2003 Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby restrict examination to Group I, Claims 1-12, without prejudice.

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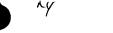
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